

## ALLIED ARMY IS GIVING WAY

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## STRICT CENSORSHIP.

Newspapers of Paris Complain Bitterly that Virtually All Intelligence Is Kept from Public.

The allied army is giving way in Northern France.

The Paris War Office, however, refuses to furnish any details, but insists that the movement has already been provided for.

Reports that the forts of Longwy and Montmedy have been captured by the Germans are again current. Their capture, however, is declared by the military experts to be comparatively unimportant inasmuch as they already had been isolated by the German enveloping movement.

The last official statement from the French War Office said:

"The general impression concerning the engagements which took place today (Wednesday) on the line from Cambria to Leclateau is favorable. In Lorraine the German offensive movement has been absolutely repulsed."

The Cambria-Leclateau line is about twenty-five miles within the French frontier, and is behind the Valenciennes-Maubeuge position to which the British and French forces retired after Saturday's battle, at Mons and Charleroi.

The French right has been obliged to withdraw slightly in the neighborhood of St. Die, dispatches from Paris say.

St. Die is in the department of the Vosges, northeast of Epinal, one of the great French frontier fortresses. This region is the furthest from Paris of any of the five lines of concentric advance proclaimed by the Germans and hence a check there is not deemed by the allies of equal importance with a defeat in the north, where the distance between the frontier and the capital is shortest.

## GERMAN PRINCES KILLED.

Men of Highest Rank Apparently Do Not Hesitate to Take Desperate Chances.

Paris, August 27.—It is officially announced that a German Prince has been killed in battle, and the Ministry of War says it presumes that it was Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg.

An earlier announcement had given the name of Gen. Prince Adalbert, who was described as the Emperor's uncle. This was obviously an error, and the Ministry of War now states that Adalbert "was probably a telegraphic error," "Albert" having been intended.

Berlin, August 27.—According to an official announcement made here yesterday, Lieutenant Gen. Prince Frederick of Saxe-Meiningen was killed by a shell before Namur on August 23.

## Teacher Dies From Wounds.

Freeling, Va., August 27.—News reached here Tuesday of the death of Miss Vaudie Kiser, the teacher at Carrie, from a stab given her by one of her pupils. The boy, whose name is Charlie Lowe, had disobeyed and when his teacher attempted to punish him he drew a knife, slashed her across the arm, and stabbed her in the side. The boy is now in jail at Chatwood, but it is likely that he will be sent to the State reformatory.

## MASONIC NOTICE.

A special communication of Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, will be held in Masonic Temple, Friday, August 28th, at 7.30 o'clock, Work Royal Arch.  
By order of the High Priest.  
A. G. UHLER, Secretary.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The Department of Commerce yesterday received a message that appears to indicate that Switzerland is being drawn into the conflict in Europe. This is the announcement of the departments. "The International Radiotelegraphic Bureau at Berne, Switzerland, has announced that practically all its officers and clerks who are Swiss citizens have been called to the colors. The bureau also reports considerable delay in all mails." The inference drawn from the message is that Switzerland is taking active steps to protect her neutrality.

Official information from Hamburg definitely locates the German fleet in the Kiel Canal, in the estuary of the Elbe River and near the Island of Heligoland. Torpedo boats and cruisers are protecting the coast. The big battleships are in the Kiel Canal. In the harbor of Hamburg are 1,200 German merchantmen anchored or tied up at piers.

A Reuter dispatch from Paris says that a division of German cavalry, consisting of 3,000 men, raiding French territory, was annihilated when it appeared before a hidden French battery. The Uhlans were mowed down and all were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

G. C. Hills, aged 70, secretary of a Cleveland, Ohio, wholesale provision company, was shot and killed early yesterday by E. E. Boulton, who then killed himself by firing a bullet into his mouth.

Firing a bullet into his heart, Charles Alvey, adjutant captain of First Maryland Regiment, a son of the late Chief Justice Richard H. Alvey, of the Maryland Court of Appeals, and a young attorney, committed suicide yesterday in his law office in First National Bank Building at Hagerstown, Md.

Cardinal Farley, of New York, accompanied by Monsignors Patrick J. Hayes and John Edwards, and the Rev. Thomas D. Carroll, went to St. Peter's in Rome yesterday. They knelt and prayed before the tomb of the Apostle and then descended into the crypt to pay a last homage before the resting place of Pope Pius X. They remained there deeply engrossed in prayer for a considerable time.

The entire French cabinet has resigned. Within an hour the retiring premier was reinstated with the ministry entirely reorganized. This action was called for by the President in an effort to reorganize and strengthen the nation's defenses. The upheaval of the French cabinet is immediately followed by the appointment of a new military commandant of Paris and the inauguration of a policy of placing younger and presumably able generals in posts of high command.

A colonial trooper among the wounded brought to Paris from the front declared that he felt nothing when his arm was shot off by a shell until he saw it lying on the ground. Not being able to bear the thought of leaving it, as he expressed it, as "meat for the Prussian dogs," he picked it up and ran several yards with it before he was overcome.

An attempt to blow up one of the chief London banks has led to an official warning to all banks to examine thoroughly upon delivery all deep boxes deposited with them. A harmless-looking deep box was presented at a London bank for deposit in the strong room. A sharp ear caught an ominous ticking and an infernal machine was discovered in the box.

Three persons were killed late last night when an automobile plunged down a 10-foot embankment on the main highway near South Windsor, Conn. It is said the driver of the automobile was blinded by the dazzling headlights of a passing trolley car, which caused him to lose control of his machine.

The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company at St. Petersburg says that the Russian authorities are abolishing previous restrictions against holding of prayer meetings by Baptists and that the Baptists are opening hospitals in Kiev, Odessa and St. Petersburg.

## RUSSIA ADVANCES INTO PRUSSIA

Germans Reported to be Withdrawing and Abandoning Everything.

## 2,000,000 OF INVADERS.

Another Million of Soldiers Hurrying to Front—Kaiser's Army Slowly Retreats Before Enemy.

St. Petersburg, August 27.—The advance of the vast Russian forces into Eastern Prussia and Galicia is proceeding without interruption.

The war office here declares that the Germans are steadily withdrawing, abandoning guns and quantities of ammunition in their retreat toward the defenses along the Vistula River. Russia's army numbers 2,000,000, with another million hurrying toward the front.

The first German army corps is reported to be withdrawing toward Danzig. A force of Russians is reported to have reached Marienburg, which is only twenty-five miles from Danzig, the northernmost fortress of the Vistula line.

That the German defense of its territory does not contemplate a pitched battle except in ground selected by the German staff itself is now considered certain.

Reports from the front indicate the Germans are making no definite stand. They are slowly retreating before the Russian advance, inflicting all the damage possible as they move back on their main line of fortifications.

The Russian left and center armies operating in force and along lines previously laid down, have bottled up German garrisons of the Eastern Prussian forts, and their reduction is assured whenever the general staff orders it. The objective of the center army is believed to be Posen, although no information regarding plans is obtainable here.

## COMING CONCLAVE.

Many Cardinals Would Begin the Sessions on Monday.

Rome, August 27.—No exact date has yet been fixed for the convening of the conclave, which will elect a successor to Pope Pius X, although there seems to be a disposition on the part of many of the cardinals at present in Rome to start the proceedings Monday. If these cardinals should have their way, Cardinal Gibbons and O'Connell will not be able to reach here for the opening session, and it is doubtful also whether Cardinal Farley, who arrived in Chiasso, Switzerland, yesterday, can be present.

Workmen are engaged in the Sistine chapel erecting the catafalque for the last funeral mass for Pope Pius, which will be celebrated Sunday.

Immediately after this service the chapel will be transformed into a conclave hall.

The fourth congregation of cardinals met today in the Consistorial Hall. Several cardinals from the provinces attending for the first time, including Cardinal Dellachiesa, archbishop of Boulogne, and Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Mechlin, Belgium.

The latter was greeted cordially by Cardinals Della Volpe Agliardi, and Vincenzo Vanutelli, who discussed the war situation with him. Although Cardinal Martinielli has returned to Rome it is not believed that he will participate in the conclave, owing to illness.

The Tribuna says pressure is being brought to bear on Cardinal Della Volpe, to await the arrival of the American cardinals before opening the conclave.

Paris correspondent of the London Daily Express cables that the German losses in the three days of the big battle along the war front have been at the ratio of three to one for the allies.

## SUGGESTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PREVENT SPREAD OF TYPHOID.

- Until further notice continue to boil water.
- Cleanse and keep clean your premises of all grass, weeds and everything unsanitary.
- Kill all flies, keep garbage receptacles covered, screen all windows and doors. Cover frequently contents of wells and privies with a solution made by adding to half gallon of water 3 ounces of crude carbolic acid.
- If you have headache, feel tired, poor appetite, feel chilly or flushed, consult your physician.
- Please obey the order of the police regarding the removal of grass and weeds from your gutters, yards and alleys.
- All alleys are "private" and should be kept clean by the owners of property abutting thereon. If the garbage carts do not call for the refuse from your kitchen burn same or cover with carbolic solution mentioned above and bury it.

## ESTATE OF FOUR SISTERS.

Curious Case Before Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

An order directing the distribution of an estate valued at about \$22,000, left by 4 sisters of Washington and consecutively willed to each other, is asked in a petition filed yesterday in the District of Columbia by H. Bradley Davidson, the executor. It is doubtful if the records of the office of register of wills could furnish a parallel case.

Ann Ella Davidson, the first of the sisters to die, died in February, 1896, the petition states. Her will devised her estate to her three sisters, Adelaide Davidson, Martha E. Davidson, and Kate Davidson. Kate Davidson died January 19, 1910, leaving her property to her surviving sisters. Adelaide Davidson died April 23, 1914, leaving the property to Martha E. Davidson. Six days later the latter died, thus breaking the line of direct succession.

The petition states that there is a difference of opinion among the heirs as to the proper distribution of the estate.

Among the heirs at law of the combined estates is Miss Mabel D. Suter, of Rosemont, Va., a niece.

## GERMANS RETREATING

Russians Occupy Several Important Places in Prussia.

London, August 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that the German troops in the Elbing district of East Prussia, near the Vistula River, are retreating westward before the Russian advance. The Russian troops have occupied Nordenburg, Sensburg, and Shapsberg, and the way station at Rothflessen in East Prussia.

Paris, August 27.—The Russians are reported to have occupied Marienburg, West Prussia, twenty-seven miles southeast of Danzig. The report is unconfirmed, but it is believed that Danzig is seriously menaced.

London, August 27.—The French embassy officially announces that all Austrian troops have been driven from Serbian territory.

A dispatch from Nish says that out of the Austrian army that invaded Serbia 15,000 were killed, 30,000 wounded and 15,000 taken prisoners in the fighting along the River Drina.

Nish, Serbia, August 27.—More than 10,000 Austrians were killed and 20,000 wounded in the nine days' battle on the River Save, according to survivors of the conflict. It was said here that 40,000 men had taken part in the engagement, which was bloodier than any in the recent Balkan wars. Hundreds of bodies are floating down the Save.

A dispatch from Marshfield, Ore., says a naval battle was in progress at Coos Bay yesterday afternoon. The firing started late in forenoon and continued and frequent cannonading was heard until shortly before noon, when it ceased for half an hour. At 12.30 o'clock the firing began again and continued until 2 o'clock. The German cruisers Leipzig and Nürnberg were on Cape Blanco Monday afternoon and in the same neighborhood was a Japanese warship.

## BERRYMAN GREEN MAKES STATEMENT

Delegate From Danville Sees Menace in Statewide Prohibition.

## TOBACCO MAY BE NEXT

Official of Anti-Saloon League Enemy of Indian Plant—Big Virginia Interest Menaced.

Richmond, August 27.—That the attitude of influential Anti-Saloon League leaders threatens the tobacco industry, that Statewide prohibition is contrary and abhorrent to the principal of local self-government, and that many evils, kept in check under local option law, flourish and increase under prohibition law are, in effect, the statements in an open letter made public by Berryman Green, member of the House of Delegates from Danville.

Mr. Green's city is one of the large tobacco centers of Virginia, and Mr. Green realizes the loss which Danville would suffer if the prohibitionists, flushed with victory, should carry the September election, begin their crusade against tobacco.

Among other things Delegate Green says:

"I am opposed to this prohibition movement because I believe it to be merely one of a list of fads that are being urged by intolerant persons, who like the old Abolitionists, desire to regulate the personal habits and conduct of their fellow citizen. I am firmly convinced that should they prevail in their desire to prohibit the sale of ardent spirits, their next step would be against the great tobacco industry, upon which the prosperity of my city and the surrounding country is dependent. I know that this is denied emphatically by the adherents of prohibition, but nevertheless I am confident that such would be the result."

"Movements in other States indicate it. The very spirit of the movement is such as to make it the most probable development in this propaganda."

"In addition to this, I cannot but be reminded that the president of the Anti-Saloon League of this city, Mr. John H. Schofield, was for years a prominent tobacco dealer in Danville. His firm engaged in both manufacture and dealing in the leaf tobacco product. Some years ago, almost at the identical time he assumed charge of the prohibition work here and became the president of the Anti-Saloon League, he also retired from the tobacco business, disposing of his interest, and giving as his reasons for retiring that he had reached the point where his conscience would not permit him to longer engage in the tobacco business. If such a man as Mr. Schofield is so easily made to jump from an Anti-Saloon man to an anti-tobacco man then there is grave danger for the tobacco interests."

Remember that Mr. Schofield has led every wet and dry fight in Danville for the past ten years and is high in the counsel of the State Anti-Saloon League leaders."

## DEATH NOTICE

DIED.—At Staunton Hospital, Monday, August 24th, MRS. MARY E. DODSON, wife of late Lemuel Dodson. She is survived by five children, Otis, and Nathaniel Dodson, Mrs. William Rogers, Mrs. George F. Warring, and Mrs. C. W. Mander, Jr. Funeral services Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her daughter, Mrs. William Rogers, 532 South Patrick street. Friends and relatives invited.

## PROPOSALS FOR WORK.

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. J. T. Harrison, Chairman Committee on Light, will be received at the office of the Clerk of Gas until August 29th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the erection of two benches of six retorts each at the City Gas Works, the city to furnish all materials and the successful bidder to furnish all labor. Plans can be seen at this office.  
J. B. WALLER, Clerk of Gas.

## LOCAL

The condition of Crandall Mackey, Jr., who was mysteriously shot Tuesday night from ambush near his home Alexandria county, shows improvement. Surgeons at the hospital have removed more than fifty bird shot from his right thigh. No clue to the identity of the assailant has been discovered.

The city gas office will open bids on August 29th for erection of two new benches of six retorts each at the city gas plant.

Arrangements are being made for special programs at all of the Sunday Schools in the State on September 13th, which will be known as Prohibition Sunday.

Rebecca Lodge, No. 27, I. O. Odd Fellows, held an important business meeting last night.

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## SYLVAN PLAY TOMORROW.

Entertainment to Be Given on Playgrounds in Evening.

There will be a sylvan play entitled "The Shadow," given at the playgrounds Friday evening at 6 o'clock. The parents are cordially invited to be present, as the play will be given in the open air. In case of rain it will be postponed until Saturday at the same time. The Indian Guard Band will give another of their delightful concerts this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Playground Committee are much indebted to this band for its weekly concerts.

## LOWER CLASS WELCOMED WAR.

Upper Classes Took News Gravely, Says New Yorker.

London, August 27.—An interesting light is thrown on German feeling by H. F. Valentine, of New York, who has just arrived in London from Germany and relates experiences in various Dresden cafes on the night Great Britain's declaration of war was made known. The upper classes received the news seriously; the lower classes joyously. Mr. Valentine said:

"I was in a cafe frequented by well-to-do people when a man entered and read aloud a telegram announcing England's declaration of war. A sudden hush fell where previously all had been animation. Most of those present quietly left. Among them I noticed the director of a big steamship line."

"All obviously were greatly surprised and sobered by the tidings, for which the newspapers had not prepared them, belief that England would remain neutral being universal."

"I next went to a popular beer hall, much frequented by students. Many soldiers were present, and here the news aroused a great outburst of patriotism. The band played martial airs, patriotic songs were sung and war-like speeches were made by men mounted on tables. Never have I witnessed a greater display of patriotic fervor."

"At other popular cafes similar scenes were enacted. Later a mob gathered and marched on the British legation, which was bombarded with stones."

## WOULD ENTANGLE SPAIN.

King Frowns on Effort of Political Leaders to Stir Up Partisanship.

Madrid, August 27.—Efforts of a certain portion of political leaders to stir up sentiment that will force Spain to cast her lot with the allies against Germany are being sternly frowned on by the King.

The position of the government to date is that by maintaining the strictest neutrality at this time, Spain will be in the better position to aid all concerned when mediation can be offered successfully.

## SUNK BY BRITISH CRUISER.

German Lloyd Liner Converted Into Warship Sent to Bottom Off Africa—Can Coast by the High Flier.

## HOLY WAR MAY BE PRECIPITATED

Fears of General Massacre of Christians While Europe is Aflame.

## CRUISERS TO RELIEF.

United States Will Do Everything Possible to Protect Americans—Danger Believed to Be Past.

Washington, August 27.—Fears by Americans of a "holy war" in Turkey, with rumors of threatened attacks upon all Christians by Mussulmen, have been transmitted to the State Department by Ambassador Morgenthau from Constantinople.

Officials here refused to regard the situation as serious, but admitted that Morgenthau has said there appeared to be some basis for the fears expressed to him by American missionaries. The latter are afraid the Mussulmen will take advantage of the general European war to attack Hebrews and Christians.

The cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina, now engaged in the relief of Americans in Europe, would be available for service in the protection of Christians in Turkey should a general massacre occur there, as it is feared, Secretary of the Navy Daniels said today.

Secretary Bryan said he had been informed by Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople of alarm for the safety of Christians in Turkey several days ago, but the absence of dispatches from Morgenthau since then has given the State Department confidence that the danger is passed.

"The Tennessee and the North Carolina have nearly completed their mission abroad," said Secretary Daniels, "so that they could be pressed into service if they be needed." However, alarm for safety of Christians in Turkey seems outside that country than in it."

Exact figures are lacking, but the number of foreign missionaries in the Ottoman Empire is probably under 1,000. This total is increased greatly by the number of communicants of their missions and the native workers in sub-stations and the like.

## DESTROYERS IN A FIGHT.

Pekin, August 27.—Up to noon yesterday the only engagement reported to have occurred near Tsingtau, capital of the German protectorate of Kiauchau, was an encounter between a German torpedo boat and a British torpedo boat on Sunday or Monday last.

The British torpedo boat returned to Wei-Hai-Wei with 11 men killed and wounded. The German casualties are not known.

## BASE BALL GAME MONDAY.

Arrangements have been completed for a base ball game between the two teams of the Masonic Lodges of Alexandria at the picnic to be given by Martha Washington Chapter, No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, at the Dyke on next Monday. A program of athletic events has been arranged and the following officials have been selected: Judges: Henry K. Field, C. B. Swan, and G. W. Zachary; committee—F. W. Latham, P. E. Chitt, J. William May and V. C. Davis.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the typhoid condition in the city and our inability to meet by delivery all the demands for MICO WATER, we will furnish it to all to whom we may be unable to deliver, or who may desire it, at our plant foot of Cameron street, free of charge, until further notice.

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